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MEMORANDUM FOR: Director of Central Intelligence

THROUGH : Deputy Director of Central Intelligence

SUBJECT : Status of the DD/S&T Scientific and Technical Intelligence Effort on China

1. As requested, we have reviewed the research and development, analytical and production programs of this Directorate which are directed to the scientific and technical progress of Communist China to determine whether these programs can be accelerated or augmented.

2. We conclude that the present level of funding for analysis and reporting activities on Communist China is about right. Additional money, if spent efficiently, would require additional analytical personnel who would necessarily be drawn from Soviet programs or projects. We are unwilling to make this sacrifice now, primarily because intelligence data of the necessary quantity and quality to justify such a move is not available. Our planning and programming for FY-67 and -68 takes account of the probability that an increased flow of intelligence information will occur by recommending increases in manpower and money for the China effort compatible with what we regard as realistic estimates of the type and quantity of data which will be available in those periods.

3. In the research and development field the present bottleneck is in the availability of adequate numbers of qualified scientific and engineering personnel. We believe our approved and planned tables of organization are adequate to accommodate accelerated efforts in the development of [redacted] 25X1

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[redacted] and the analysis of the intelligence process, which we have identified as the major areas for emphasis in FY-66 and -67. We are exerting strenuous efforts to recruit additional qualified personnel at the present time to fill out the approved T. O., but to increase the recruitment effort much beyond the present level will require that project personnel be withdrawn from their technical duties to participate in the recruitment program.

4. In the Office of ELINT, the Foreign Missile and Space Analysis Center and the Office of Scientific Intelligence, all analytical programs are being expanded as rapidly as the availability of intelligence data permits. All three Offices have requested personnel and budgetary increases for the China effort in FY-66 and -67 which, with the exception discussed below, are sufficient for presently anticipated needs. The Office of Scientific Intelligence continues to make every effort to increase its ChiCom collection requirements and reporting programs. For example, in 1961 only six technical reports were issued; in 1965, 28 such publications are scheduled. Similarly from 1962-1964 scientific and technical collection requirements on China increased from 23 to 278.

5. Our review has disclosed only one area of potentially productive activity which presently is not being fully exploited. We estimate that the translation, analysis and reporting of the large volume of overt Chinese scientific literature would provide a useful base for evaluation of the status and progress of science in Communist China and could be accomplished externally at a contract cost of around [redacted] per year. We have not requested these funds or programmed the activity in our FY-66 and -67 budgets. 25X1

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6. In line with your desires that all intelligence activities directed against Communist China be maximized within reason, we will maintain a continuing review of our programs to determine at what point in time it may be desirable to augment selected activities or programs. At this time, however, we are satisfied that if our present T. O. and budget requests for FY-66 and -67, together with an additional [redacted] 25X1 for the OSI effort described above, are approved, we will have adequate resources for an intelligence effort on Communist China compatible with the highest priority national intelligence objectives.

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Deputy Director
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MEMORANDUM FOR: Mr. John Clarke

1. I am a bit puzzled about this. When the Director recently asked on two occasions, at two different Morning Meetings, for specific and current recommendations on the China problem (recommendations which would lend themselves to translation into budgetary aspects), John Bross took the action and conferred with [redacted] whose CCPC is currently at work on the latest use of Agency contributions dealing with the current status of China assets. 25X1

2. If DD/S&T feels the need to report within the Agency, presumably other components should also.

3. Can you get together with [redacted] and advise as to what we should be doing next. 25X1

/s/

H. Knoche

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